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Big stakes for CA

Stephanie Salvador
Staff Writer

"Super Tuesday" is coming, so California's voters need to get informed.

Super Tuesday occurs every four years when 24 states hold their presidential primaries.

Californians will vote for presidential candidates from each political party, as well as several ballot measures.

However, some CSUSB students are not aware of the current political scene.

"I am not too familiar with the propositions that will be on the ballot because it seems boring to me," freshman Shenica Snowden said. "I know that I should vote but I don't know what I am voting for. I think the reason why a lot of people don't vote is because they don't have enough information."

Information on the election and the ballot measures is available on the California Voter's Guide.

These guides are mailed to every registered voter in the state. Voters can bring their guides with them as a reference when voting.

According to the guide, Proposition 91, entitled "The Transportation Funds Initiative," is no longer needed, therefore voters are encouraged to vote "no" on the measure.

In Nov. of 2006, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger changed the ballot measure to proposition 1A, which accomplished the goals of proposition 91.

The goal of proposition 91 was to stop the State Legislature

from taking sales tax dollars from gasoline to fund non-transportation projects.

The guide explains that because proposition 1A became law, proposition 91 is no longer needed.

Proposition 92, entitled "Community Colleges, Funding, Governance and Fees Initiative" would change state laws regarding California Community Colleges (CCC).

According to legislative analyst Elizabeth G. Hill, current state law requires that elementary, secondary and community colleges

(K-14), are to be funded with revenues from the General Fund and local property taxes.

Roughly 40 percent of those funds must be used to fund K-14 education.

Proposition 92 would separate K-12 education from community colleges in means of funding.

The proposition would reduce the student fees for community colleges from \$20 to \$15 per unit and in limit the state's power to increase these fees in the future.

The guide also states that for students who receive fee waivers, the new proposition would not

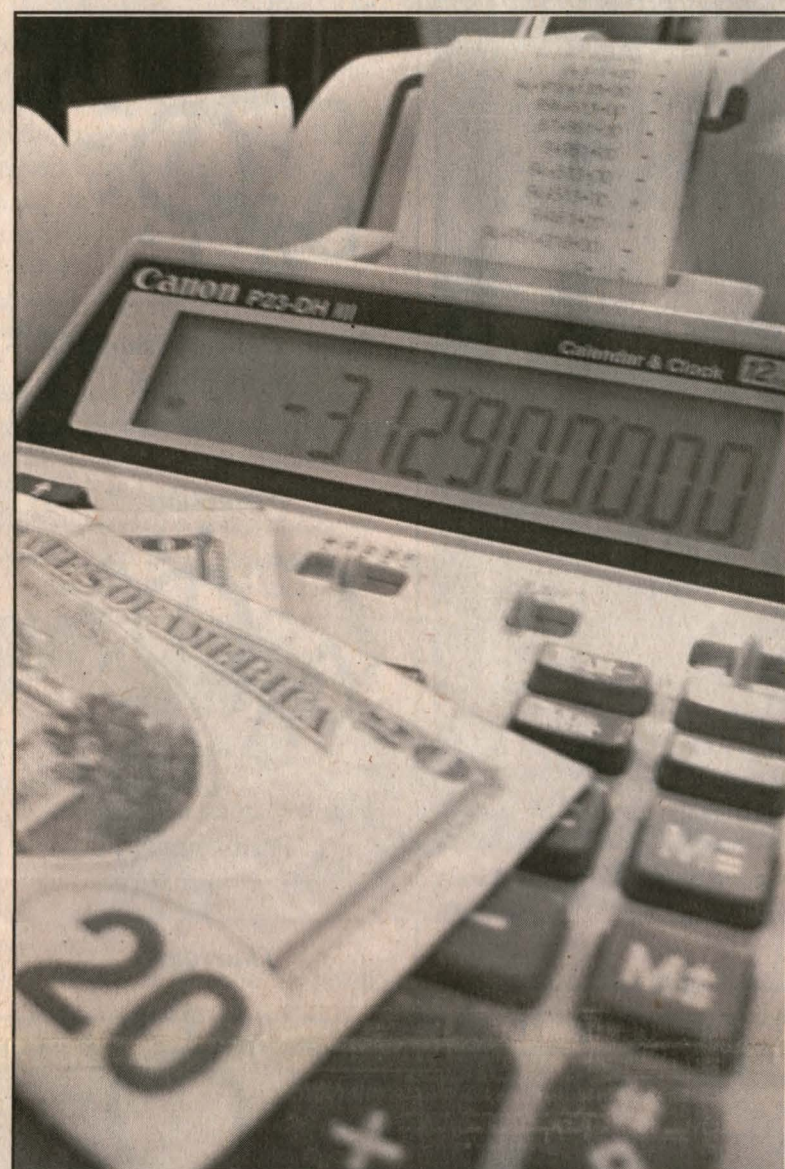
directly impact them.

However, the CCC could potentially lose about \$70 million in student fee revenues, which helps the overall funding of the CCC, according to the guide.

Proposition 93, entitled the "Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office Initiative", would reduce the amount of years a person may serve in the legislature.

The guide explains that under current law, politicians may not serve a combination of over 14 years in both houses. Proposition 93 would reduce those term limits

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Adriana Vargas/Chronicle

The projected budget cuts will cause a hardship on enrollment at all 23 CSU campuses.

Budget crisis

Yahaira Hernandez
Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget proposal will impact 10,000 students beginning in the fall of 2008.

"The proposed budget cuts will impact students' access to the Cal State University (CSU), since not all qualified students would be admitted because of the cuts," CSU spokesperson Paul Browning said.

According to Browning, the 23 CSUs have moved up the enrollment application deadline for first-time freshmen due to budget cuts.

"There is a 2.5 percent enrollment growth every year at the CSUs and it is expecting about 10,000 more incoming students for the 2008-2009 school year, which will be greatly impacted by the budget cut," Browning said. "The CSU is really open to anybody, we reach the poor communities, veterans and groups who really do not have access to a higher education."

The key industries that supply the state are nursing, business administration, education, agriculture and technology, according to Browning.

"We are the leaders to supplying graduates in California, we graduate about 90,000 students a year," Browning said.

Browning said that the budget cuts will force some students to attend a community college instead of enrolling at a university directly out of high school.

"We will always have quality education, but less people taking advantage of it," Browning said. "There are three major affected areas by the budget cut

and they are the workforce, current students and undeserved communities where the people don't go to college."

Two-thirds of K-12 students are minorities, according to Browning.

"I think students should get together, collect signatures or protest to do something about what is affecting them directly, in order to avoid further cuts," Browning said. "We are currently preparing a plan to approach the legislator and negotiate to lower the cuts."

"Early on this decade, the CSU kept \$5 million over a period of two years and we haven't get any of that money back so, we cannot afford another cut like this."

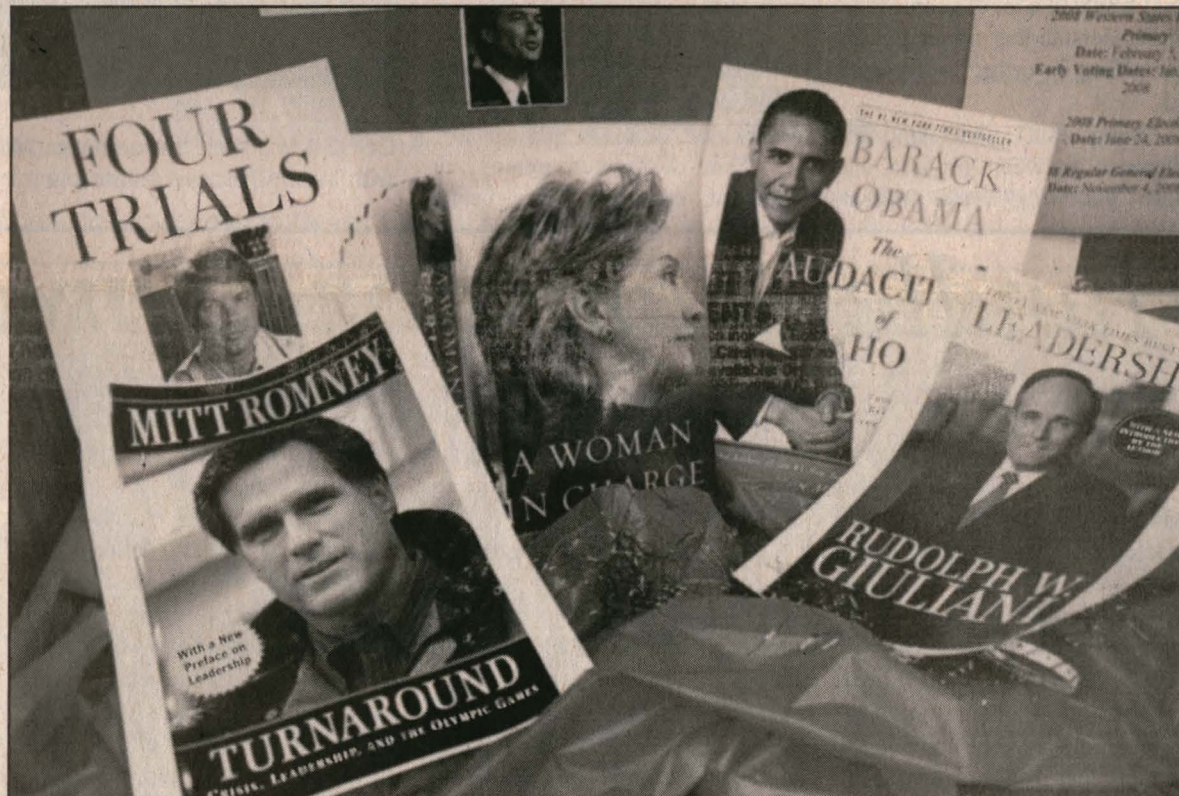
"Arnold Schwarzenegger needs to really step back when he looks at education cuts and consider, because that is the future," Browning added.

Browning is not the only person on campus who is concerned with the governor's proposed budget cuts.

"Ever since he went into office in California, he has given budget cuts to education which results on less money to the CSU system," Luzana Hernandez, political science major said.

Hernandez also worries that the proposed cuts will make it difficult for current students to balance work and school.

"Some students come to school full time and have up to two jobs which make it difficult for them to dedicate time to school and get good grades. If the CSUSB receives less money, then the school will increase its tuition and students would end up getting more loans and in debt by the time they graduate," Hernandez said.



Viet Nguyen/Chronicle

"Super Tuesday," the day 24 states hold their presidential primaries, is coming up and campaign information decorates the halls of CSUSB.

Middle East program needed

Bart Alvara
Staff Writer

The Middle East is considered by some to be the cradle of civilization, students cannot find a concentration about that region at CSUSB.

The Center for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (CIMES) wants to change that.

There are many current classes at CSUSB that devote attention to that region. Classes in history, political science and humanities relate to the Middle East.

Individual classes range from the origins and practices of Islam and the languages of the region to the geography and political structures of the Middle East.

However, no minor or major program of study exists at CSUSB.

The need for education on the subject is in demand according to history major Alex Britain.

"It's a vital concentration. You can't study history and not run across the Middle Eastern region. So much comes from there," said Britain.

Many students at CSUSB are immigrants from that region. Sana Ibrahim is a Palestinian immigrant and a Communications major.

"I think it's a great idea that's

long overdue. I would love for people to learn about the struggle and culture of my homeland," said Ibrahim.

Currently, an interdisciplinary study is being put together for a specific program that will focus on the Middle East.

The study would take into account the history, human diversity, physical location, and societies that shaped the area.

CIMES is working on both a major and a minor concentration.

It would function much like the other ethnic studies concentrations, focusing on the broad social, political and religious structures.

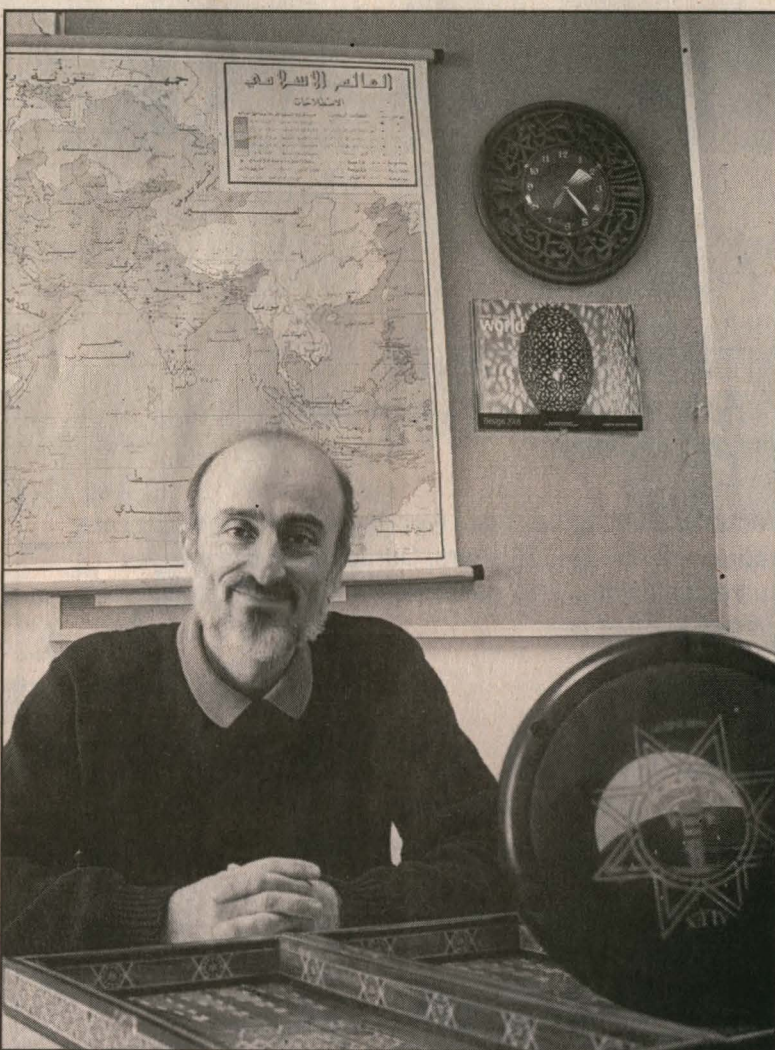
The program would include a few core classes, teaching the anthropology and history of the region and then offer a wide range of electives.

A student could then focus in Islam, languages or political structures to gain an understanding of how they are connected to each other and the rest of the world.

Dr. Dany Doueiri, a language lecturer at CSUSB, is also excited about the new program.

"Our hope is to broaden the students' understanding of the Middle East as well as enrich their lives. Once you have an under-

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Viet Nguyen/Chronicle

Dr. Doueiri, a language lecturer at CSUSB, hopes to broaden students' understanding of the Middle East through the new program.

Estate planning is planning ahead

Elva Casas
Staff Writer

Nearly 80 percent of Americans die without leaving a valid will, according to Ohio Northern University.

CSUSB will host the seminar "Where There's a Will, There's a Way" on Feb. 1.

The seminar will include a question-and-answer segment with a panel of local specialists such as estate planning attorney Kathleen Albrektsen, CPA Glenda Bayless, estate and probate attorney William Nassar, and estate and financial planner Ash Sheth.

Jim Estes, vice president/senior portfolio manager for Wells Fargo Bank Private Client Services, will give a forecast on the 2008 economy.

Wells Fargo charitable management group Vice President Janice Burrill will give an overview of charitable planning techniques.

"Originally, the seminar was scheduled for Oct. 26," attorney Kathleen Albrektsen, said. "However, due to the fires, the campus was closed and the seminar was rescheduled."

The panel of specialists hopes to educate those who attend the seminar.

"My goal is to provide education. I find that a lot of people have a misunderstanding about getting their affairs in order," Albrektsen said.

"Many don't understand the difference between probate and estate planning," said Nassar.

"Probate is the process by which an estate will transfer down to their heirs by order of the courts, while estate planning is the process that does not involve the courts."

"It will be the most beneficial to individuals between 25 to 50 years old who have a family or are planning to have a family."

Albrektsen expects that the audience will not include many students.

"I suspect that the people who will come will be close to retirement age. Also professors and staff members also are a little younger and want to help their families by getting their affairs in order," Albrektsen said.

Some students are interested, however.

"The seminar is a good opportunity for everyone to learn about estate planning," Sarah Sipes, CSUSB senior said. "I always thought I was too young to think about wills and dying but since you never know what is going to happen, I guess it is good to plan ahead."

"I think the seminar will be great for students also. It can provide life experience and they might be able to find a career that they would like to do in their future," Nassar said.

According to the State Bar of California, estate planning is for everyone.

Whether the person has a large or small estate, he or she should designate someone to manage their assets.

That designated person, or executor, can also make health

care and personal care decisions if the owner becomes unable to do so.

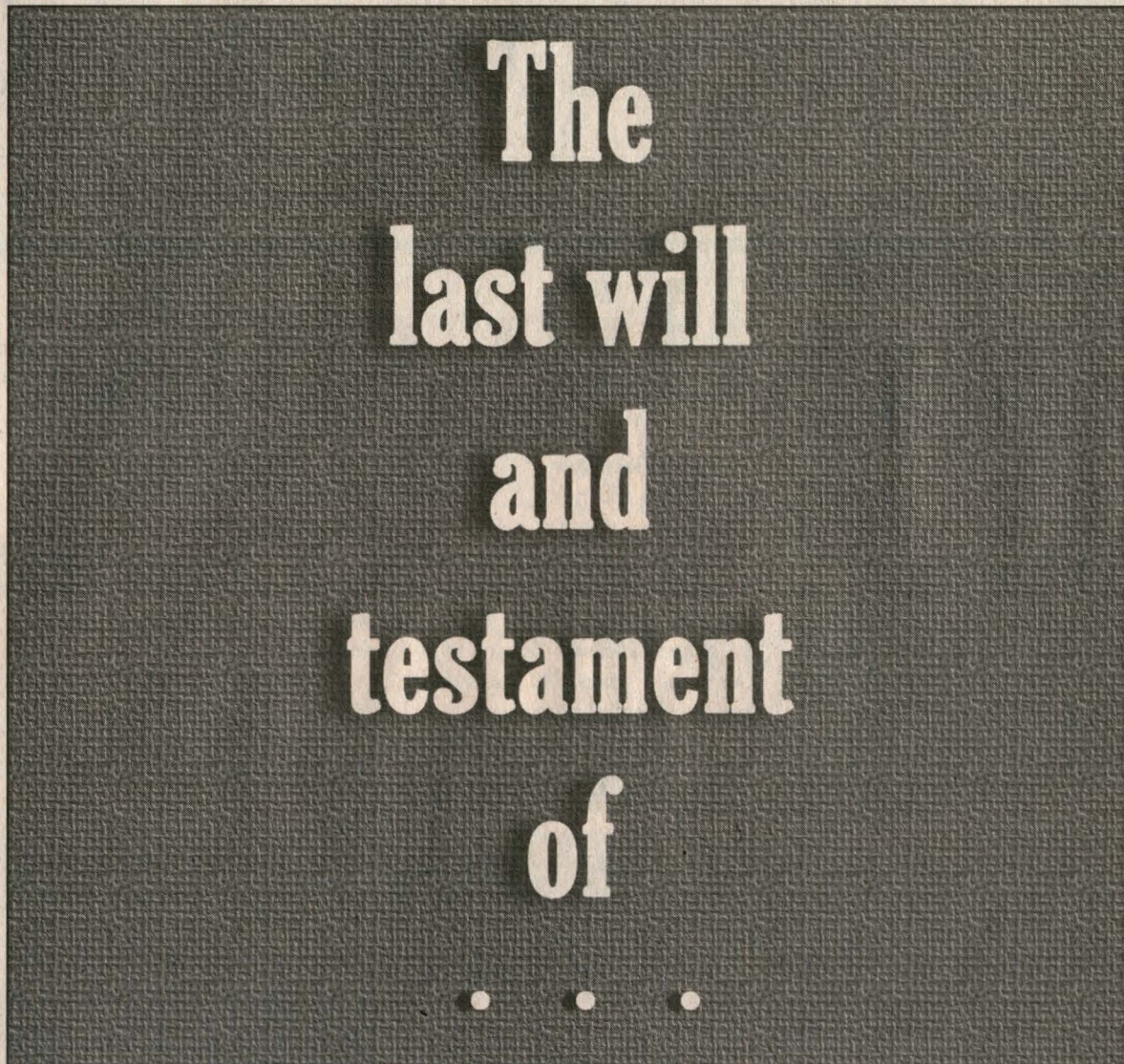
Individuals who do not plan ahead may have their assets distributed according to the Interstate

Succession, which are a set of rules on how assets are distributed when a will is absent, according to the State Bar of California.

The seminar is scheduled to take place in the Obershaw Dining

Hall located in the Upper Commons from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

The seminar is open to the public but advanced registration is required.



Graphic courtesy of Samantha Ramia
CSUSB will host the seminar "Where There's a Will, There's a Way" on Feb. 1 to provide students with information on estate planning.

Hundley named vice president of WSCA

Magdalen Lumpkin
Staff Writer

CSUSB Communications Associate Professor Dr. Heather Hundley was named vice president of the Western States Communication Association (WSCA) on Jan. 18.

The WSCA is a worldwide organization of communication teachers, scholars and students and has more than 1,000 members.

They publish the "WSCA News" newsletter and two scholarly journals, the "Communication

Reports" and the "Western Journal of Communication".

"Communications Reports" has been biannually published since 1988.

The mission of this journal is to showcase exemplary scholarship without censorship based on topics and methods, according to the WSCA website.

WSCA hosts a yearly convention where they discuss issues, opportunities and networking.

Hundley has had several terms in the WSCA since she joined in 1992. She started her

service at WSCA while pursuing her master's degree.

In addition to being a member of the WSCA, she is also a member of the National Communication Association (NCA) and the Organization for Research on Women and Communication (ORWAC).

While a member of the WSCA, she served as secretary vice chair to the chair of the Media Study Interest Group, chair of Time and Place Committee, co-chair of the Local Hosts Committee for 2006.

"There is excellent networking through the WSCA," Hundley said.

Hundley ran against one other opponent for the vice president candidacy.



Magdalen Lumpkin/Chronicle
CSUSB Communications Associate Professor Dr. Hundley.

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standing of a people and their culture it helps resolve conflict," Doueiri said

CIMES was founded to bring programs like a major and minor to the campus.

The professors that will be teaching the courses are all very passionate to bring this subject matter to the students at CSUSB.

For six years the USA has been at war in an area that is a mystery to most Americans.

The instructors said that the goal of such a program would be to answer questions students are asking about the Middle East.

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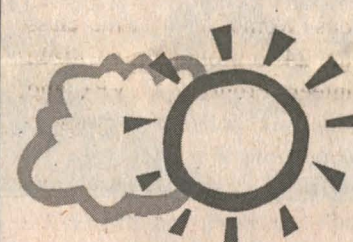
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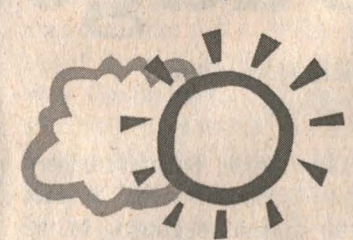
Slight chance of showers
Partly sunny
Hi around 50°F

Thursday:



Mostly sunny
Hi around 59°F

Friday:



Mostly sunny
Hi around 60°F

Courtesy of NOAA.gov

Continued: Ballots

to 12 years.

The proposal would allow current politicians to serve 12 years in their current house regardless of how many years they may have already served in the other section of legislature.

In addition to propositions 91, 92 and 93, there are four other propositions that deal with Indian gaming.

Californians will have a say in these issues on Super Tuesday if they take the initiative to vote.

"I think students don't vote because they don't see that their vote is going to make a difference. They don't see people who look like them or who are speaking to their issues," said CSUSB Sociology professor Mary Teixeira.

"It is hard as an 18 year old to think that your vote is actually counting, but I have a better understanding of politics now as I am older than when I was younger," senior Scott Norbryhn said.

For more information, see www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

CSUSB Police looking for program volunteers



Nick De Leon/Chronicle

Officer Julie Barbo-Garcia talking to Dr. Deborah Parsons' Crime and Women class about the benefits and qualifications necessary to participate in the Citizen Volunteer Program.

Nick De Leon
Campus News Editor

Community citizens and retirees in the CSUSB area have the chance to help enhance the quality of life and educational experience for the campus community.

CSUSB Police Officer Julie Barbo-Gracia visited Dr. Deborah Parsons' Women and Crime class on Jan. 24 to promote the Citizen Volunteer Program (CVP) and potentially recruit new program participants.

Officer Barbo-Garcia introduced herself to the class and shared that she's been part of the CSUSB Police for three years.

According to the CVP mission statement on its website, "CVP personnel...strive to enhance campus safety and security through programs of crime prevention and education with active involvement in these efforts."

"You get to interact with the campus community in a patrol situation," Officer Barbo-Garcia said. "There is a lot to learn if anyone is interested in becoming a police officer."

In partnership with the CSU Police Department, volunteers in the program work along side department staff in such areas as campus patrol, escort service, investigations, dispatch, finger printing and several more.

Participating in the CVP would be a very fun and interest-

ing opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, and would look great on applications, said Officer Barbo-Garcia.

Officer Barbo-Garcia told the class that though volunteers in the program are not given weapons, they are given pepper spray, their own uniform minus the boots which they would need to supply at their own cost and their own vehicle to patrol the campus.

Volunteers are typically asked to devote about 13 hours a month, and spend at least three to four hours at a time on campus.

CSUSB Chief of Police Jimmie Brown was also in attendance to promote CVP.

"When we talk about the program and talk about implementing the program," Chief Brown said. "We wanted to reach out into the campus community because we, as a police department, cannot do it all ourselves...we need help."

Chief Brown told the class that the point of the program was "to bring the campus community into what [University police] do."

The program does carry certain qualifications that must be met in order to participate.

The CVP website states that although volunteers are not sworn peace officers and thus have no authority to act in an enforcement capacity, those interested in the program must have a valid California driver's license and a good driving record along with it.

They must have no felony convictions or serious and pass a background check by authorized CSUSB personnel and must be of unquestionable character and be willing to abide by the rules and regulations stated in the CVP mission statement.

Those interested in becoming part of the program are encouraged to visit the University Police office located on the northwest corner of campus near Fairview Street or <http://adminfin.csusb.edu/police/cvp.htm> for an application.

Anyone with questions regarding the program can contact Officer Barbo-Gracia at (909) 537-5165 or send her email at jgarcia@csusb.edu.

Correction

The article 'WRC Audition for Monologues' in last week's issue of the Coyote Chronicle contained incorrect information.

Judi Cruz is coordinator for the Adult Reentry Center and the Pride Center. Janet Honn-Alex is the director of the Women's Resource Center.

Dolores Montoya and Tiffany Bourell are student producers of the play. The WRC will show the play The Vagina Monologues on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., and on Feb. 10, 4 p.m., and it is directed by Kathy Ervin.

Judi Cruz read the quoted lines from a pre-made script. They were not her own words.

Parking woes alleviated: 750 new spaces for students, faculty, and staff

Donna Parrish
Staff Writer

Finding parking should now be much easier for CSUSB commuters, according to Vice President of Administration and Finance, David DeMauro.

"The new parking garage should greatly help alleviate the parking congestion that we typically have at the beginning of each quarter," DeMauro said.

DeMauro added that the structure located on the northeast side of the campus provides access to the Health and Physical Education Building, Coussoulis Arena and Jack Brown Hall and is set to serve the new Education Building upon its completion in the spring 2008 quarter.

The second garage, which can be found on the northwest side of the campus, provides access to the Visual Arts Building, Robert V. Fullerton, Chemical Sciences Building and the Biology and Physical Sciences complex.

Each parking structure has three levels with a capacity of 750 cars, and are open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Many students and staff were asked whether a multiple level parking facility would actually work.

A majority of the responses given to DeMauro were all positive, provided that issues of safety were considered to be of primary importance.

DeMauro assures that



Nick De Leon/Chronicle

The parking structure located on the northeast side of campus.

any issues of security have been addressed with the installation of security cameras on all levels of the structures, as well as three emergency phones on each floor and campus police patrolling the levels regularly.

The new parking structures are accessible from a new road along the north side of the campus, named Campus Circle.

Campus Circle connects to Campus Drive to the west and with Little Mountain and Northpark Boulevard to the east.

"The extension of Campus Circle provides road access around the entire campus as well as additional entry points to the university," De Mauro said.

"This should not only alleviate traffic on the inner roadways and parking lots inside the campus, but it will give drivers alternate routes to enter the campus and relieve some of the congestion on University Parkway."

The cost of this project was \$31.2 million, which was funded by student fees. The fees served to cover the construction, maintenance and operation.

'Yotes speak out about candidates

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

Photos by Shantal Anderson/Chronicle



"I would have to say I'm going to vote for Hillary Clinton. She wants to lower the interest rate on student loans, she's into universal healthcare and I like what she's already done in the past. She has a lot of experience. She's what I would call the biggest example of change."
~Amanda Ramos



"I'm torn between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton...I'm looking for a president who can amend universal healthcare. In 2005, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, which makes me ineligible for free healthcare. So it's scary that I can't afford it, and I'm always declined. I don't know what might happen in the future."
~Robyn Dixon



"I want Hillary Clinton in office. We haven't had a female president yet, so it would be cool to have one. Women see things from a different perspective, are becoming more independent these days and they don't have to rely on men all the time. It's time for change."
~Matt Takahashi

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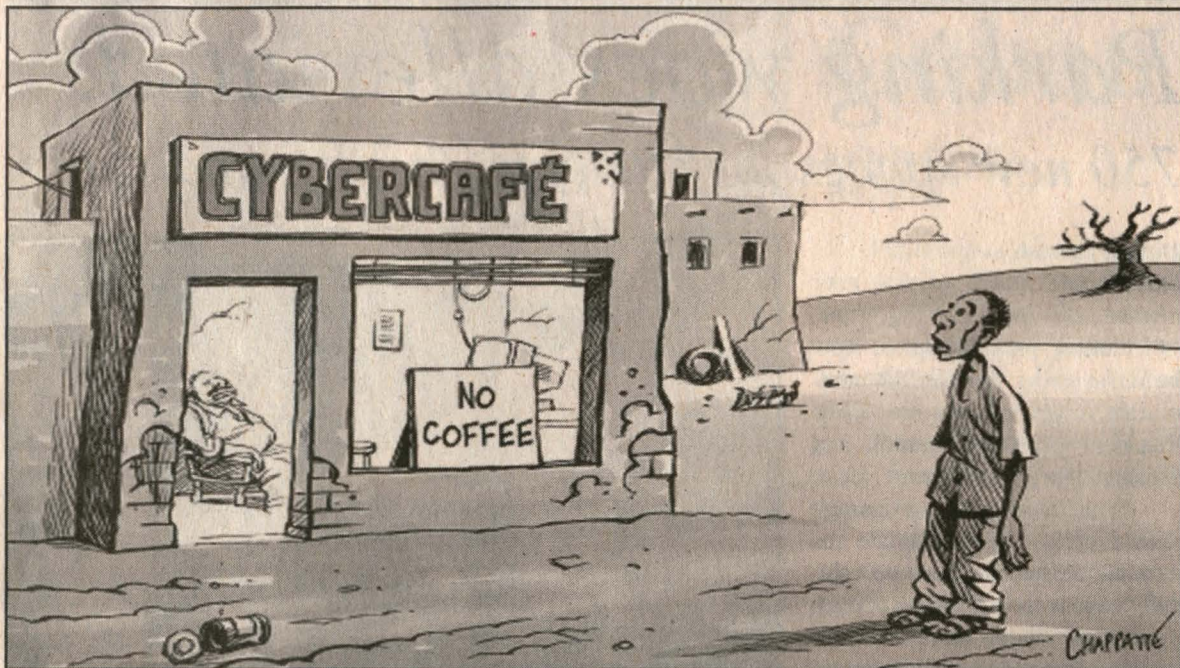
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This cartoon depicts a world without coffee. A world without coffee might be an interesting place.



Steven Iacono/Chronicle

Caffeine has been found to significantly raise the risk of miscarriage in pregnant women.

Miscarriages might be linked to caffeine

Steven Iacono
Staff Writer

Caffeine intake by pregnant women may increase their chances of a miscarriage, according to a study done by the Kaiser Permanente division of research.

The study found that women who consume 200 milligrams (mg) or more of caffeine per day doubled their risks of having a miscarriage.

Common sources of caffeine include coffee, tea, soda, energy drinks and some medications.

The study took 1,063 pregnant patients from Kaiser Permanente Hospitals in northern California.

These patients never altered their caffeine intake throughout their pregnancy. This allowed the study to control the effects of morning sickness and caffeine withdrawals, according to an article by Maureen McInaney on the division of research at Kaiser Permanente's website.

The results showed that 25

percent of women who consumed over 200 mg of caffeine per day miscarried. This was opposed to the 12 percent of women that miscarried who had no caffeine, according to the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Many past studies have shown a correlation between caffeine and miscarriages, but it was unclear exactly what caused the increased risk.

According to the American Pregnancy Association (APA), caffeine is a stimulant that can increase your blood pressure and heart rate, both of which must be stable during pregnancy.

Since caffeine is also a diuretic, it can increase the frequency of urination. This can lead to low fluid levels in the body and dehydration.

Even if a mother is able to handle regular caffeine intake, a baby's metabolism is still maturing and cannot fully metabolize caffeine, according to the APA.

Studies linking caffeine to

miscarriages have been long questioned due to the inconsistency and inability to create a true control group.

"It is hard to get an accurate read on a study like this. Larger samples, over longer periods of time are the only way we will know what things like this do," Dr. Pai, a physician at CSUSB said.

Smoking and drinking are still much greater threats to your baby, and women should consult with a doctor early in their pregnancy for a complete consultation.

Prenatal vitamins, some proteins, some fats, and a healthy diet can serve as alternative sources of energy to caffeine, Pai said.

This study supports those who believe caffeine has negative effects during pregnancy.

While no one is absolutely sure exactly what constitutes an unhealthy dose of caffeine, Pai adds that until there is more information, women should try to limit caffeine intake as much as possible while pregnant.

Pinkberry, the newest ice cream alternative

Courtney Martin
Staff Writer

A new frozen yogurt chain has a mission to make its frozen yogurt the favorite among consumers.

Pinkberry is taking Southern California by storm by opening upscale frozen yogurt stores.

It is frozen yogurt reinvented to create an experience that indulges the senses, according to the Pinkberry website.

When you walk through the front doors of a Pinkberry, the ambiance of the store is inviting.

With its bright funky lamps, colorful comfortable chairs and the warmly painted walls, your senses are sure to tingle with excitement.

In contrast to other dessert restaurants, Pinkberry serves healthy alternatives on its menu and allows patrons to customize their orders.

Pinkberry offers three delicious flavors of "soft swirls of chilly bliss with a distinct pouty point," according to their website.

Original, green tea and coffee are also among the choices of frozen yogurt at Pinkberry.

Customers can choose from a variety of toppings. The toppings range from selections of fruit, cereal, chocolates and nuts.

All that is left is to enjoy your personal creation of tasty goodness.

"I'm sensitive to dairy products and I like to eat at a Pinkberry as an alternative to ice cream,"

said CSUSB student Ashley Voss. "I feel better after eating Pinkberry frozen yogurt because it's light and I enjoy the fresh fruit toppings. The green tea frozen yogurt is my favorite."

The Pinkberry website claims that their frozen yogurt is a healthy alternative to ice cream.

Their frozen yogurt is made with skim milk, natural sweeteners, active yogurt cultures, citric acid, stabilizers, emulsifiers, calcium, soy lecithin, artificial colors, flavorings and tocopherol.

According to their nutrition facts, one serving (101 grams) of Pinkberry original frozen yogurt has 70 calories, zero grams of fat, and 12 grams of sugar.

When compared to Cold Stone Creamery, one serving of French vanilla ice cream (142 grams) has 340 calories, 19 grams of fat and 33 grams of sugar.

Based on the nutritional facts, Pinkberry frozen yogurt has fewer calories, fat and sugar.

CSUSB professor Dorothy Chen-Maynard agrees that Pinkberry frozen yogurt is a good alternative to ice cream.

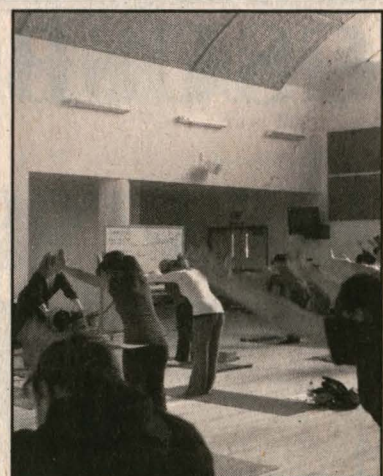
"If you look at the calorie content, then yes it is healthier than ice cream. It's a good substitute. If you are looking for something to satisfy your sweet craving then Pinkberry would be a better choice," Chen-Maynard said.

Pinkberry charges approximately the same price for its frozen yogurt as other dessert stores.



Courtney Martin/Chronicle

Even on a rainy day Ashley Voss enjoys Pinkberry frozen yogurt.



Scott Sanderson/Chronicle
Yoga-114 students work hard.

Stay healthy, stay relaxed

Scott Sanderson
Staff Writer

Professor Amy Wheeler trained yoga to the Los Angeles Lakers and five U.S. Olympic-National teams and now teaches at CSUSB.

Yoga-114, taught by Wheeler, introduces students to the basic concepts of yoga.

The course teaches the basic poses of yoga: forward bends, backward bends, standing poses, twisting poses and lateral bends.

The objective of the class is to teach students how to manage stress.

Students also learn the health benefits of yoga, and receive increased flexibility, strength and balance.

Freshman Kacie Holder says the yoga class has helped her with her stress levels.

"I absolutely love it. I honestly did not know that I could relax that much, ever," Holder said. "Yes, everything seems a lot more balanced, and I am a lot calmer at night."

The yoga class methodologies are in lecture, active participation in yoga asana (postures), pranayama (breathing) and meditation.

A required material for the course is a yoga mat that costs around \$10. There are free CSUSB community mats available.

Yesenia Garcia, a senior, said "Breathing techniques and the history of yoga is what I have learned from the class thus far."

Each of Wheeler's yoga classes starts with a lecture, followed by 45 minutes of asana, then 10 minutes of pranayama, and then 10 minutes of meditation.

Wheeler teaches according to the Krishnamacharya Healing Yoga Lineage.

She has been a student of yoga since 1992.

Wheeler is a certified yoga teacher and in the process of becoming a yoga therapist.

Wheeler's research is on positive effects of yoga on stress levels and chronic disease.

She is the research director of the Healing Yoga Foundation in San Francisco.

T. Krishnamacharya is the grandfather of modern yoga as we know it in the West, according to Wheeler.

The Krishnamacharya Healing Yoga Foundation is an organization that spreads the holistic yoga teaching of Yogacharya Sri T. Krishnamacharya.

"I love the class. The professor is very good and creates a calm and comfortable environment," Garcia said. "Yoga is always a great activity to do when one's stress levels are high because it is very calming. It helps you become more focused."

"The class helps me become more focused. Doing yoga helps me keep a clear head and a clear outlook on life."

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Heath Ledger dead at 28

Vanessa Looney
Staff Writer

Hollywood lost young actor Heath Ledger, 28, on January 22, 2008.

Ledger was nominated in 2006 for best performance for an actor in a leading role for "Brokeback Mountain."

Other films that he was well known for include, "10 Things I Hate About You," "The Patriot," and "A Knight's Tale."

The Associated Press (AP) reported that the housekeeper entered Ledger's room around 1 p.m. to change a light bulb and found him on his bed, covered with a sheet, and snoring.

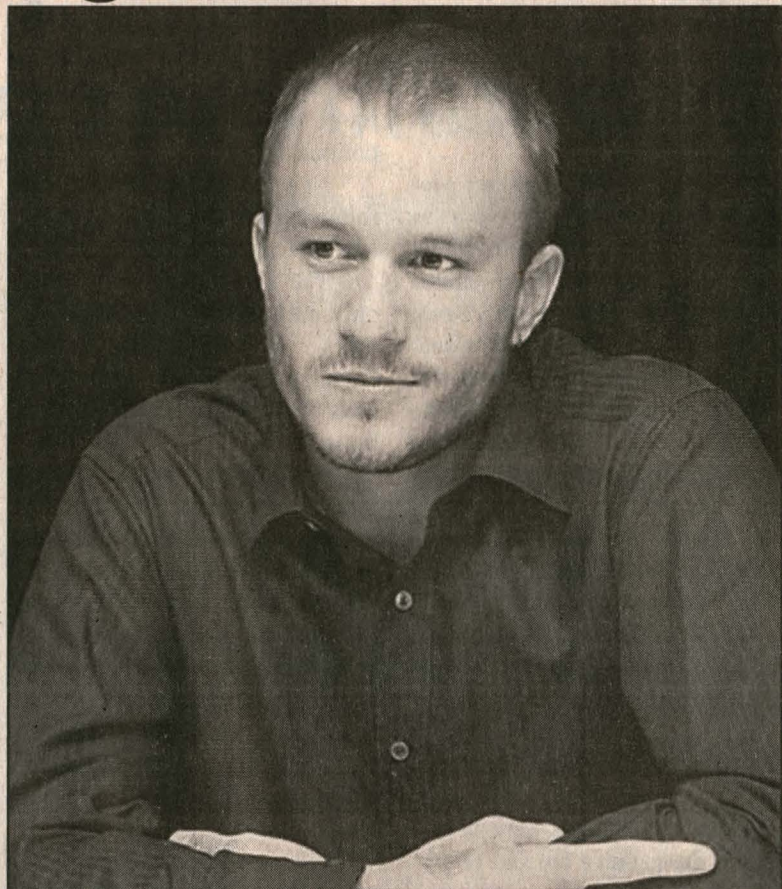
When his masseuse came for his 3 p.m. appointment, she tried different ways to wake him before entering the room, but went ahead and set up her table when she was unable to rouse the actor, according to the AP report.

After the masseuse and paramedics performed CPR to no avail, Ledger was pronounced dead at 3:36 p.m., according to CNN.

"Heath Ledger was an amazing actor," CSUSB Junior Jon Ashley said. "The first thing I thought when he died was, how's his death going to affect the upcoming 'Batman' movie?"

The highly anticipated film, "The Dark Knight," has its web campaign built around his character, the Joker, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the studio for "Batman" will have to decide to continue due to Ledger's recent tragedy, but Warner Bros. did not comment on the



Courtesy of Armondogallo/retna Ltd.

Actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York apartment.

movie's status.

Several early reports mentioned the possibility of suicide or an accidental overdose, but the latest information concluded that it is still too early to determine an accurate cause of death.

Full toxicology reports and autopsy results take about two weeks.

"It was surprising, especially because [Ledger] had never been in the headlines for drug or alcohol abuse," CSUSB student Leslie Rhodes said. "It almost seems a little unfair that celebrity stars such as Nicole Richie and Paris Hilton get a second chance, but someone

who appeared to lead a clean life was taken so suddenly."

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of unintentional poisoning deaths increased in the U.S. from 12,186 in 1999 to 20,950 in 2004.

The largest increases were among females (103.0%), whites (75.8%), persons living in the southern United States (113.6%), and persons aged 15-24 years (113.3%).

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said that the cause of death is currently inconclusive.

An epic puppet show at CSUSB

Jamie Murray
Staff Writer

A Cyclops towers over its victims, ready to devour them. After its meal of ancient Greeks, the Cyclops licks its lips, hungry for more.

The Cyclops, a puppet manned by three people, is part of CSUSB University Theatre's upcoming production of "The Odyssey," adapted for children by Gregory Falls and Kurt Beattie.

"The Odyssey," originally written by Homer, is the epic story of Odysseus as he tries to return

home from the Trojan War.

This particular production of "The Odyssey," veers from the expected. In addition to live actors, the play features originally designed hand puppets, string puppets, shadow puppets, and projected images of puppets.

The production has been in the works for months. During the Fall quarter of 2007, Smith taught a puppetry workshop class. A handful of students in the workshop helped construct the puppets for this production.

Only five of the students in "The Odyssey" were part of the

puppetry workshop. This means puppetry is a new concept for most of the cast.

According to Smith, the hardest part of teaching students to work with puppets is teaching them to "work together to create one thing."

The Odyssey will play Jan. 31-Feb. 3 at the Barnes Theatre in the Performing Arts building.

The first three days will feature a performance at 8 p.m. On Feb. 2 and 3, a family matinee will be at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://theatre.csusb.edu>.

There will be Oscars for "Blood"

Ken Dillard
Copy Editor/Staff Writer

Paul Thomas Anderson's "There Will Be Blood" is as disturbing and mesmerizing as a slow motion train-wreck. It may be the accomplished director's masterpiece.

Daniel Day-Lewis supplies his intimidating physicality to the role of 1900s silver-prospectorturned-oil-tycoon Daniel Plainview, a character of terrifying will.

In the first scene, he breaks his leg in a mining accident and proceeds to shove himself across the desert floor on his back. His uncompromising single-mindedness forces him into a life dominated by greed.

"I have a competition in me," Plainview says. "I want no one else to succeed."

Plainview seems to care only for his adopted son H.W. (Dillon Frasier), but an accident strikes the boy deaf and Plainview pulls back.

Plainview's search for oil leads to conflict with baby-faced preacher Eli Sunday (Paul Dano).

Of the many characters in the story, only Dano's seems able to rise to the occasion and contend with Day-Lewis' ferocity. Their scenes crackle with nervous energy.

Eli is just as deceitful as Plainview, but with a slyness that contrasts neatly with Plainview's brashness.

Day-Lewis' performance teeters between the charm of Plainview's public persona and the ferocity of his private life.

When a stranger arrives claiming to be his half-brother, it seems that Plainview may actually be able to connect with another human being. The two have a conversation that shows Plainview actually opening up.

"I look at people and see nothing worth liking," he admits.

When Plainview's relationship with the newcomer comes to

an abrupt end, his last connection with sanity is severed, setting the stage for the film's bloody climax in Plainview's opulent mansion.

The movie's themes of money, oil and religion seem rife with potential for allegory in today's landscape, but the story can't be bothered with making grandiose statements. Plainview is far too stubborn to let anything compete with him for the audience's attention.


The film was shot by Robert Elswit in a forbidding West Texas landscape. The location is as beautiful and ugly as the story. The first frame of the film is a perfect example of this as a plain shot of the desert hills is supported by the swelling dissonance of the film's terrific score by Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood.

"There Will Be Blood" was nominated for eight Academy Awards this year including three nominations for Anderson and one for Day-Lewis.

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Oprah Winfrey (above) is set to launch her own TV channel.

Oprah's OWN TV channel

Tanya Tumkaya
Staff Writer

Oprah Winfrey has already mastered a highly influential TV show, magazines, book clubs, and movies.

Now, she's setting her sights on her own TV network.

On Jan. 15, Winfrey and Discovery Communications President and CEO David Zaslav, announced that Winfrey will be getting her own television network called Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN).

OWN will replace the Discovery Health network.

Zaslav got the idea for working with Oprah when his wife handed him an issue of Oprah's magazine, "O."

The Discovery Health channel had been struggling to achieve viable recognition and ratings and was a perfect option to be replaced by OWN.

The destruction of New York: caught on film

Christine Garcia
Staff Writer

Witnessing the Statue of Liberty's head roll down the streets of New York was one of the many terrifying moments featured in the new film, "Cloverfield."

Directed by Matt Reeves, "Cloverfield" is a dramatic thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat.

The story revolves an attack that leads to the destruction of New York.

The entire film is shot with handheld cameras to simulate the look of home video.

Because of the shakiness of the film, theater attendants advised patrons that the film was not recommended for those prone to motion sickness.

The realistic trembling shown in the video footage made some of the scenes unclear and confusing.

"I know that they wanted the movie to look real, but the view from regular video cameras isn't even that shaky," viewer Teresa Fausto said.

The main character in the

film, Rob Hawkins, (Michael Stahl-David) is moving to Japan to pursue a new job prompting his brother Jason (Mike Vogel) and his girlfriend Lily (Jessica Lucas) to throw him a going-away party.

During the party, there is an explosion nearby and the power goes out. The group witnesses a number of giant explosions.

As the group runs into the streets, a crowd races to escape. The group realizes that an enormous creature is causing this horrific damage.

The film features a small amount of source music in the going away party scenes.

There are a number of startling scenes.

Dark scenes combined with the thunderous noise created a feeling of helplessness.

The startling images of New York landmarks being destroyed and people desperately running from smoke clouds evoke memories of Sept. 11 events.

While the film is short, it successfully documents a horrific account while making you feel like you are witnessing it first-hand.



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Michael Stahl-David (left) and Jessica Lucas (right) star in "Cloverfield." The film was written by Drew Goddard.



Courtesy of www.kansascity.com

Cubans voted in what U.S. political figures say is not a two-party system. However, the Cubans claim that their balloting is more democratic than any other country.

Cuban elections raise questions

Natasha Hamid
Staff Writer

Mudslinging, million-dollar war chests, party nominations, dirty politics and endorsements will all be absent in Cuba's 2008 general election process. Many believe this to be the problem.

There is a fair amount of criticism surrounding Cuba's election process.

Because only members of the Communist party are allowed to campaign in Cuba, various U.S. political figures claim that there is no two-party system. This creates no opposition to the existing government's ideas and policies.

Another aspect of Cuban politics that is heavily scrutinized is the lack of term limits of the Cuban presidency. With no opposition, a de facto dictatorship can be the result.

Cubans argue that their balloting is more democratic than any

other country because the candidates are chosen by municipal leaders nominated at neighborhood gatherings.

"More than 8.23 million people exercised their right to vote (on Jan. 23), which represents 95.24 percent of registered voters in our country," said Maria Esther Reus, president of Cuba's National Electoral Commission. Ninety-one percent of those votes were for the united vote and 3.73 percent are blank ballots and 1.04 percent were annulled."

Despite the fact that citizens only have one choice, official election result have yet to be released. Likely, President Fidel Castro will be re-elected if he chooses to remain in office.

In a preliminary report announced to the National Parliament, 1,201 delegates to the provincial assemblies were elected due to the massive amount of voters.

The 614 deputies that make up the National Assembly are comprised of top Communists, career politicians, musicians and athletes.

New lawmakers have 45 days following the election to choose a new Council of State.

The Communist Party is the only party allowed. While candidates do not have to be Communists, they are the only ones who reach leadership positions.

Candidates who do not receive 50 percent of votes lose and a special commission meets to nominate a replacement. This has not happened since 1993, when Cuba began directly electing its parliament, according to National Assembly officials.

Castro, 81, has not been seen in public for almost 18 months while recovering from an undisclosed illness.

Castro has been Cuba's uncontested chief since the revolution in

1959 overthrew former dictator Fulgencio Batista.

In December, Castro wrote that he has no intention of clinging to power or standing in the way of new generations. He still heads the Council of State.

In July 2006, after emergency intestinal surgeries, Castro temporarily ceded power to his younger brother Raul Castro, 76, who is currently Cuba's defense minister.

On Jan. 16, Fidel Castro wrote in an essay published in state news media that he is not physically healthy enough to address Cuban citizens in person.

"I do what I can. I write. For me, this is a new experience. Writing is not the same as speaking," Fidel Castro explained.

Raul Castro announced the first opening session of the new National Assembly will reconvene Feb. 24 with acting President Raul Castro.

Drag Ball: "A Night of Drag and Debauchery"

Nick De Leon
Campus News Editor

CSUSB was visited by such celebrity personalities as Britney Spears, Paris Hilton and a variety of others.

The personalities and music of Spears, Hilton and others were impersonated by three drag performers who came to the Santos Manuel Student Union Event Center on Jan. 24 for the Pride Center's "Winter Extravaganza: A Night of Drag and Debauchery."

The evening began with the Master of Ceremonies, Tommi Rose, being the first to perform before introducing herself and laying down the ground rules of what the show would be like.

Rose assured the audience that clapping along and laughter would be greatly encouraged, while at the same time, doing comical gestures coupled with jokes directed toward a male CSUSB student sitting in the front of the stage.

Though the night was full of music and comedy, Rose stopped

to remind the audience that she also wanted to speak in hopes to help educate people about the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community and promote equality for all.

"We need to be as a people...as a group...not just gay and lesbian...but all of us. We need to accept everybody for whatever, whatever they are," Rose said.

After initial introductions, Rose introduced "Venus D-Lite" as the first act of the evening.

Venus came out on stage

dressed as Paris Hilton, as she lip-synced Hilton doing a weather report before beginning to lip-sync to music.

One performance that was well received was a spoofed Britney Spears, as Venus appeared on stage dressed with padding on her stomach to mimic a gut. As Venus performed, suddenly she pulled off her blonde wig to reveal another blonde hairpiece and lip-synced the voice of web blogger Chris Crocker's popular plea for the pubic to leave Spears alone.



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Tommi Rose introduces one of the three performers on Jan. 24.

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Chinese nursing executives visit U.S.



Elsa Escarcega/Chronicle

Nursing executives from China visited a local hospital and others around the country to learn managerial skills.

Elsa Escarcega
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight Chinese nursing executives are visiting the United States with the help of the CSUSB College of Extended Learning to learn about U.S. nursing practices and management.

The Nursing executives will be staying in the U.S. for two weeks. During this time, the College of Extended Learning has coordinated several lectures and visits hospitals with the visiting nurses.

Among the scheduled events are visits to various city hospitals in the U.S. Some of these hospitals are located in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Washington D.C. and New York.

One of the first hospital observations took place at the Community Hospital of San Bernardino (CHSB) on Jan. 18.

Diane E. Nitta, vice president of operations and nurse chief executive of the hospital, led the visit for the Chinese nurses at the American hospital.

The nurses came to learn

about the ways the U.S. handles nursing management and talk about patient care, Nitta said.

After a brief welcoming speech made by various hospital executives, the guest nurses were given a tour of the hospital.

During this tour, the guests were introduced to important hospital figures.

"We gave them the tour so that they could observe how we work," said Nitta. "It was an enlightening exchange."

Part of the visit was to understand the U.S. nursing practices that differ from Chinese practices. The rest of the visit consisted of an overview of the department practices.

After two hours, the program concluded with an overview of the visit.

During this time, the visitors were able ask questions and discuss the new things they learned.

One of the main purposes of the visit to the hospital was to help the foreign nurses understand nursing management in the United States, according to Dr. Jeet

Joshee, Dean of CSUSB College of Extended Learning.

"Our College of Extended Learning made all the arrangements for the meeting," said Joshee.

"They belong to different intuitions and health centers in Shanghai," said Joshee.

Joshee explained that some of the topics the Chinese nursing executives will go through during the remainder of their stay are the U.S. nursing system, an overview of nursing management, how a nursing department operates within a hospital and patient care and communication.

"We really appreciate CSUSB for choosing our hospital," said Nitta.

Nitta and her colleague Tobey Robertson Director of marketing and communications at CHSB are very proud of their hospital.

Both Nitta and Joshee expressed the view that the tour was an educational experience for both the Chinese guests and the U.S. nurses.

"Learning happens both ways when you meet with individuals from a different place," said Joshee.

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New "Rambo" movie just another sequel

David Raclin
Staff Writer

Three days after Tuesday's 2008 Academy Award nominations were announced, the fourth, "Rambo," movie opened in theaters.

In this film, much like the two that precede it, Sylvester Stallone's character travels through a foreign country and kills lots of people.

While quirky original films like, "No Country for Old Men," and "Juno," are celebrated, Hollywood continues to churn out refuse like the newest "Rambo."

In the trailer for, "Rambo," the "hero" kills anonymous victims with flame throwers, machine guns and a big knife. In contrast, the first Rambo film, 1982's "First Blood," confronted a legitimate issue in America, the poor treatment of Vietnam veterans in post-Vietnam America. Sure, it was ultra-violent, but the film had a message.

Stallone is capable of better things than this new, "Rambo," movie. He was nominated for an Oscar for his screenplay of, "Rocky," and he won plaudits for his portrayal of a disabled man in 1997's, "Cop Land."

However, after the success of

"First Blood," Hollywood saw a chance to turn the film's anti-hero into a franchise, and the killings and sequels kept on coming.

Hollywood, like most businesses, likes a proven commodity. That is why Sigourney Weaver made four "Alien" movies, and two more have been made without her.

There have been three, "Shrek" movies and two more are on the way. The first film was an amusing take on fairy tales. The rest exist because they keep generating profit. Hollywood will continue to make sequels as long as movie-goers keep paying.

I do not blame the movie industry for this. The studios have shareholders and stock prices to think of. If the public keeps on buying, why should the studios stop selling?

Originality is dangerous. For every "Pirates of the Caribbean," a fresh, funny film based on an old Disneyland attraction, there are the other such attraction-based movies that failed: "The Haunted Mansion," and, "The Country Bears."

After "Pirates" success, it spawned two sequels of dubious quality.

It also spawned lunchboxes,

school folders, posters, pencils and a thousand other products.

This first, "Matrix" film had an interesting story and revolutionary special effects. The two sequels had the effects but had plots seemingly constructed in a blender.

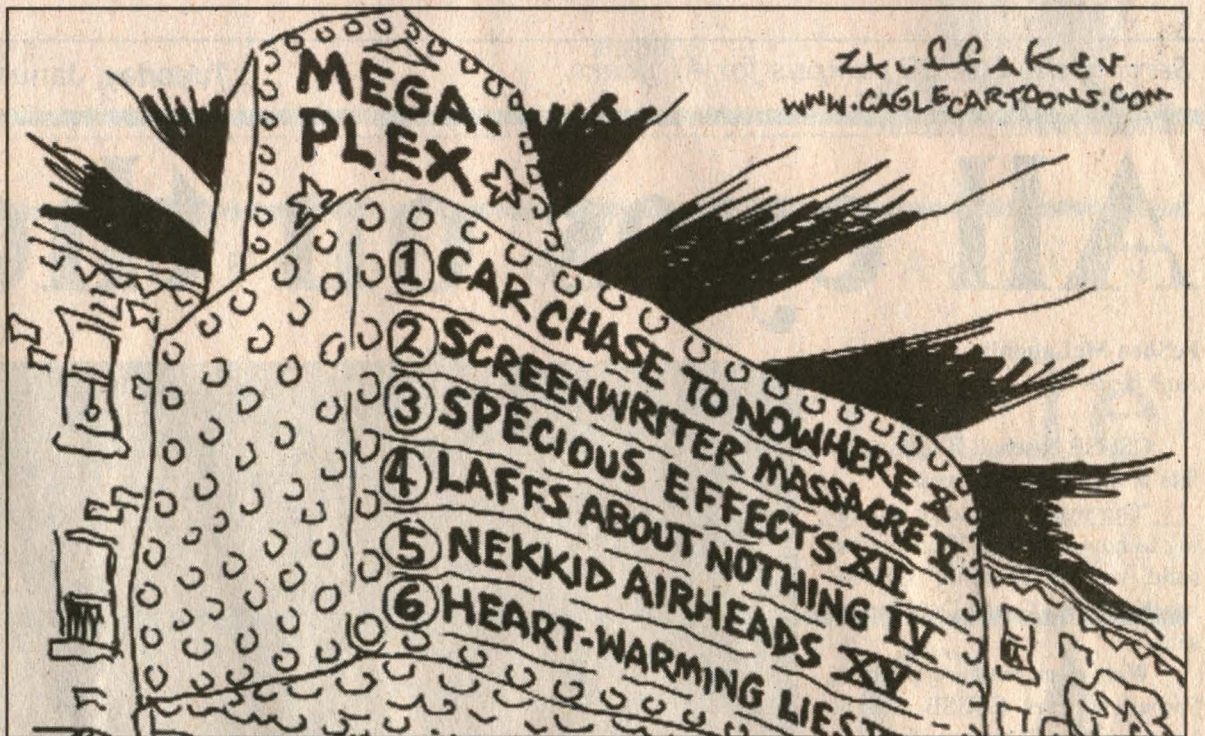
Not every movie can be a character study of an assassin, like "No Country." Not every film should portray the struggles of a pregnant teenager with remarkably supportive parents, like "Juno."

But that is the point. The fewer movies that are just like every other movie, the better off the viewer will be.

Do not go see the new, "Rambo" movie. If you have to get your Stallone movie fix, watch, "Rambo II," and pretend the extras are speaking Burmese, or watch, "Rocky." See a silly Stallone with Marisa Tomei in 1991's "Oscar," or a hilariously menacing Sly in a 1975 Roger Corman classic, "Death Race 2000."

Embrace original ideas, or revisit old ones, but do not go to the theater to see a "II" or a "III" or heaven forbid, a "IV." Instead, pull a DVD off your shelf and watch it.

Celebrate the movie when it was original. Do not go see the old emperor in his new clothes.



Courtesy of www.caglecartoons.com

Sequels seem to be pretty commonplace, and there seem to be many more on the way.



Courtesy of www.caglecartoons.com

There does not seem to be any movie that is not seen as an opportunity for a sequel.



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In the newest "Rambo" installation, there is the usual action that "Rambo" fans seem to appreciate.

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All eyes on the bullpen

FeShea McLaughlin
Staff Writer

CSUSB baseball is leaving its fate in their pitchers' hands.

"Our season should go according to how we pitch. If pitching is solid, we will be solid," CSUSB baseball Head Coach Don Parnell said.

With seven returning pitchers, Parnell believes CSUSB will be key competitors in the conference - that is, if the pitchers can take it up a notch.

Among those returning are three starters who will take the mound. Matt Long, a right-handed senior, will return.

He was the team's number one starting pitcher last year, according to a press release by Mike Murphy (Asst. Athletic Director).

Matt Long received honorable mention on the CCAA all-star teams last season. Also returning are Cheyne Hann and Kevin Wilson, both right-handed seniors. With six position starters lost from last season the Coyotes will have to look for a new source of leadership.

"Our offense should be led by transfer student Jason Klug, who was conference player of the year in 2006," Parnell said. Klug transferred from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Another offensive source is going to be derived from Kyle Walton, who had limited playing time last year due to injury.

Parnell said that Walton should be healthy and ready to be an offensive force for the team.

A story line to follow belongs to Johnny Haas.

He is the Coyote's starting center fielder, and left handed relief pitcher.

"The most intriguing story line may concern Johnny Haas.



The Coyotes first homegame will be on Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. The game will be held at the Coyotes home field Arrowhead Credit Union.

He left college to go on a religious mission and could not play baseball during that time.

He will start for us this year, after not having played competitive baseball for three years - and he's a good player," Parnell said.

Drew Valenzuela returns to third base.

He is a three- year starter, and

one of the top returning players for the Coyotes.

Another top returner is Bryan W. Hart at first base.

There are also some new arrivals to the Coyote's roster.

Parnell said that key new arrivals are Brent Planck (transfer from USD) and Andrew Tapia, a two-time all-conference player

from L.A. Pierce Community College.

Parnell has been with the Coyotes for 17 seasons.

His record with CSUSB baseball is 391-411.

He has led his team to win one CCAA Championship in 2002.

He also has coached them to four CCAA Championship

FeShea McLaughlin/ Chronicle

Tournament appearances.

Last year, the Coyotes ended the 2007 season in fifth place, with a record of 20-16 in the CCAA.

The Coyote's premier this season's team at a non-conference game Feb. 1 against CS Dominguez Hills, at their home field (Arrowhead Credit Union Park) at 2 p.m.

Players have a good chemistry

Enedino Romero Lopez
Staff Writer

Hard work, determination, and great team chemistry comprise CSUSB's softball team strategy to reach their goals this season.

Last year the team fell to a 27-27 record.

They fell short of the conference tournament, but feel that 40 wins this season will get them there and also qualify them for regionals.

They have 5 returning seniors that will lead them there.

Tacy Duncan, head coach, is in her third year coaching the team.

She is accompanied by her assistant coaches Tom Kajitani and Letitia Gamboa.

"We're an aggressive team," said Duncan, "we may get thrown out at home, but we're going to get thrown out going hard. You can't win, if you can't score."

The offense has good speed and a lot of power.

Newcomer Ruth Anderson, a junior from Washington, has been known to hit homeruns in baseball fields.

With power hitting lefty Ashley Collinwood and speedy shortstop Taylor Wilson, the team will have plenty of runs.

Freshman Priscilla Curiel graduated from Cajon High School in San Bernardino.

She batted .439 with 32 RBI and 30 runs scored for her senior year.

Jacquelyn Holtzclaw, a freshman outfielder was a 2007 graduate of South Hills high school in West Covina where she was all-CIF SS first team for two years, batting .509 as a senior with five HR, 18 RBI, .815 slug pct., .534 on-base percentage and 17 stolen bases.

"She will be CCA Freshman Player of the Year, she is that good," said Duncan.

Defensively, the coaches said they have two outstanding catchers in seniors Nicole Camarena and junior Sara Bird. Both of them are so good that they do not know who to start, which could be a good thing for the Coyotes.

Junior Debbie Shisler, who is their utility player, can play any position, and has a great bat as well. Junior and left fielder, Tori Beaudette, has "an amazing glove, and dives for everything," said Duncan.

Senior second baseman, Jamie Lowe will remain the core of the team's middle infield, according to Duncan.

Leading the pitching staff is senior, Tawni Baker.

"She has what it takes, to take us all the way," said Duncan.

Canadian freshman Cassidy Lee will provide pitching support.

"We want to treat our girls with respect. Give them positive feedback. We want to make them feel good, and then they will perform well." Duncan said.

It's a different team from last year.

Their coaches explained that they are more hard working and they have better chemistry.

"They just want it more," said Duncan.

The teams first game will be held on Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. at Humboldt State.

Johnson is a key asset for Coyotes

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Rachel Johnson is seen as the nice girl next door but her "love everybody" attitude is taken over by sheer competitiveness on the basketball court.

Johnson's high school success in Kennewick, Wash. does not stop her from being a humble person.

She was an all area first team selection, team captain, first team all-conference, and a star volleyball player.

Even with all these accolades, Johnson understands that there is work that needs to be done if she wants to excel at the next level.

The first thing Johnson noticed about life at CSUSB was the weather.

She had never lived where the sun shined and palm trees grew.

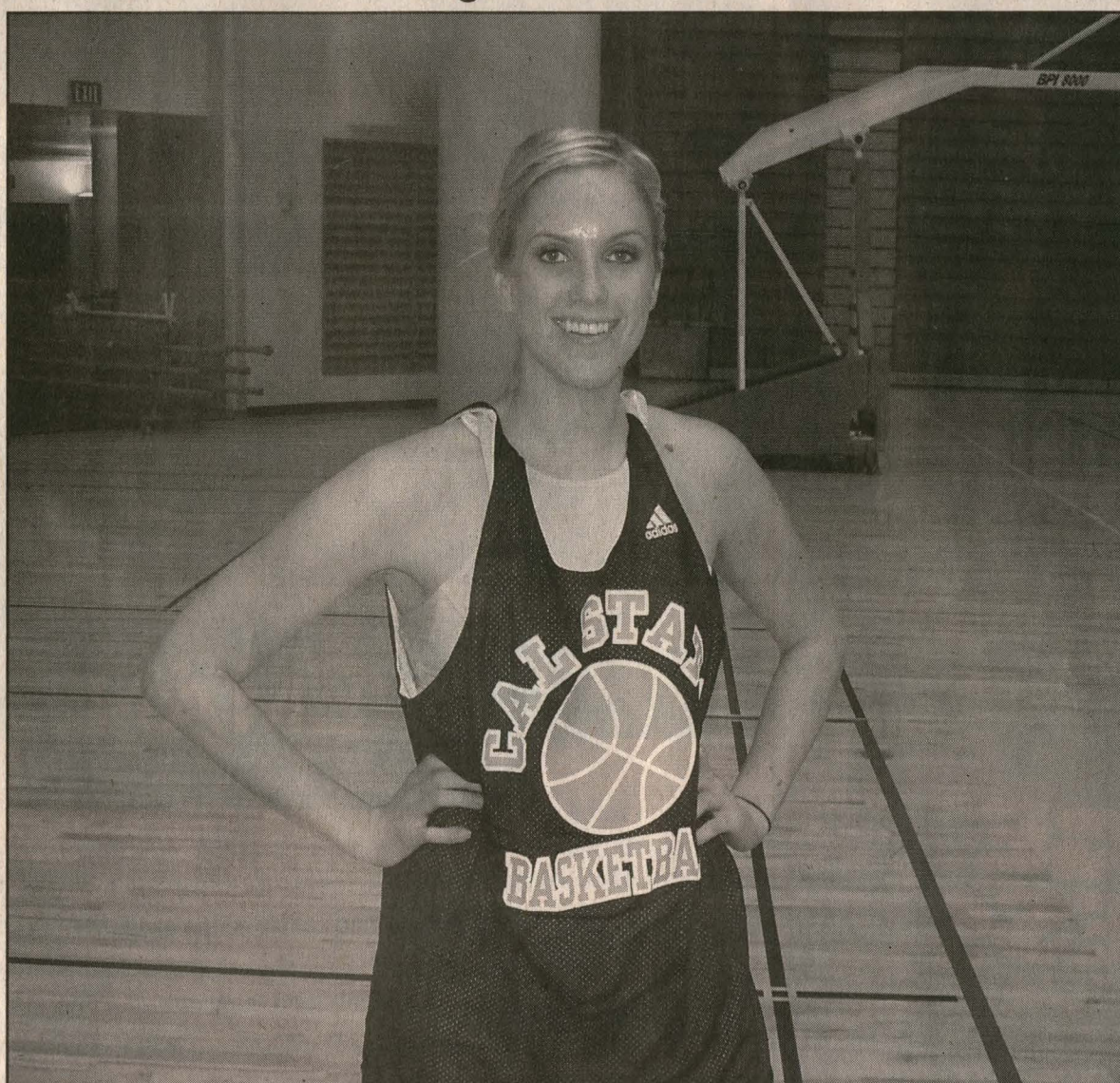
"Living in Washington was off and on with good weather," Johnson said.

In the 2005-2006 season, Johnson appeared in all 27 games as a freshman and started four.

This is impressive in college basketball considering a lot of players do not actively compete in games and take a year to get accustomed to the program.

Johnson averaged 3.4 points and 2.0 rebounds a game.

She shot 72 percent from the free-throw line and made



Rachel Johnson, a forward for the Coyotes is a crucial player to the team's successful season.

14 three-pointers while playing an average of 14 minutes per game.

She scored a season-high 14 points against Grand Canyon University while being the only freshman to be in the stat books every game.

"Many times during my freshman year, I would get down on myself for not having a good game. One of the coaches sat me down and told me to keep my head up and not get down on myself for not playing well, work on what I

am not comfortable with and everything would work out," Johnson said.

Johnson took these words of wisdom to heart and worked on her game over the summer.

She came back for the 2006-2007 year ready for busi-

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